



# Report summary for parents and carers on Christ The King R.C. Primary School

**Date of inspection: February 2023**

by Estyn, His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales

# Overview

Christ the King Roman Catholic school provides a warm, inclusive learning environment for its pupils. The sense of belonging to the school community is a strength of the school. The school promotes its values well, linked to its motto, 'Learning to love, loving to learn'.

The school is developing its curriculum to focus on important concepts and to engage and stimulate nearly all learners. The school makes effective use of its extensive outdoor provision, including a forest school area. Recent improvements to reading provision, including a new library, enable pupils to read for pleasure independently.

Staff promote pupils' health and well-being diligently. There are strong opportunities for pupils to develop their physical skills, both in lessons and in the range of extra-curricular clubs on offer. Although the curriculum is sufficiently broad, the school has not yet developed aspects of the Expressive Arts systematically enough.

Staff encourage pupils to become ambitious, confident learners. There are particularly beneficial opportunities for pupils to develop their oracy and thinking skills. There are regular opportunities for pupils to discuss and debate matters of topical interest. The pupil participation groups, which form the school's Senedd, are very effective in bringing about positive changes in the school. In these groups, pupils use their own ideas to consider wider aspects of school life and beyond, such as health and nutrition and how to help the local community. However, in lessons, opportunities for pupils to influence how and what they learn are too limited.

The headteacher ensures that all staff have beneficial opportunities for professional development so that they can fulfil their roles and support school improvements confidently. Leaders and governors monitor pupil progress and the improvements the school makes conscientiously. They listen to pupils and take the view of parents into account when deciding how best to move the school forward. All staff work very well as a team. They encourage their pupils and know them well. This contributes to the supportive and caring ethos in the school and helps new pupils to settle into the school successfully.

# Recommendations

R1 Further develop the school's curriculum to ensure suitable progression across all areas of learning and experience

R2 Extend opportunities for pupils to influence how and what they learn in lessons

## What happens next

The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations from the inspection.



## School context

Name of provider	Christ The King R.C. Primary School
Local authority	Cardiff Council
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Primary
Religious character	Roman Catholic
Number of pupils on roll	222
Pupils of statutory school age	165
Number in nursery classes	27
Percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average (The national percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals over a three-year average in Primary is 23.0%)	10.4%
Percentage of pupils identified as having additional learning needs (a) (The national percentage of pupils identified as having an additional learning need in Primary is 16.1%)	6.1%
Percentage of pupils who speak Welsh at home	0.0%
Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language	6.1%
Date of headteacher appointment	01/09/2020
Date of previous Estyn inspection (if applicable)	01/11/2014
Start date of inspection	06/02/2023
Headteacher took up post in Sept 2020; she was the deputy previously. School came out of follow-up in 2016, Estyn cited very strong progress for all but one of the recommendations which was around governors and was judged to have made strong progress. New deputy headteacher started September 2021.	

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